(b) 12044 cases have been settled.

(c) and (d) As per existing instructions, Adalats are required to be held in all Telecom Circles and Telephone Districts in each State every three months.

Edible Oil

5454. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the total requirement of edible oil in the country by the year 2000;

(b) the expected production in this period;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of edible oil in the country; and

(d) the difference of prices of edible oil produced in the country and imported from foreign countries ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) As per the latest estimates, the total requirement of edible oils in the country by the year 2000 is estimated at 84.18 lakh MTs.

(b) The expected production of edible oils, computed on the basis of the targeted production of 26 million tonnes of oilseeds by the Ministry of Agriculture is 75.20 lakh MTs.

(c) Steps being taken by the Govt. to increase the production of edible oils in the country are—

(i) Intensification of efforts for implementation of Oilseed Production Programme area expansion through sequential cropping, inter-cropping;

(ii) Replacement of low economic crop;

(iii) Increase in productivity by providing various services inputs;

(iv) Assistance for production and distribution of seeds;

(v) Distribution of mini kits, sprinkler sets, improved farm implement and chemicals etc. In addition, front line and general demonstrations are conducted on farmers' fields to transfer the production technology.

(d) The comparative wholesale prices of indigeneous edible oils and imported RBD palmolein at the end of August, 1996 are as under:—

(Price Rs. per MT)

Groundnut oil	42,470/-
Cottonseed oil	31,830/-
Rapeseed oil	31,350/-
Soyabean oil	31,900/-
RBD Palmolein	28,610/-

[Translation]

Ultra Modern Communication System

5455. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any programme for ultramodern communication system for the development of telephone services in Surat, in view of the rapid industrialisation in and around Surat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount likely to be spent on this programme; and

(d) the time by which this system is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) There is a plan for installation of Extra large New Technology Local/Digital Tax Exchanges and installation of reliable media through OFC and digital Microwave for connecting various Exchanges in Surat. The details of these schemes are given in statement.

(c) A total of Rs. 76.5 crores approximately are likely to be spent on this programme.

(d) These systems are likely to start functioning progressively during 1996-97 and 1997-98.

STATEMENT

SYSTEMS PLANNED FOR COMMISSIONING IN SURAT DURING 1996-97, 1997-98.

B (I) Local Extra Large New Technology Exchanges

S.No.	Name of Exchange	Capacity
1.	Mahider Pura	13 K (10 KM + 3 KRSU)
2.	Piplod	10 K Main
3.	Rander	3 KRSU
4.	Kapodara	4 KRSU
5.	Varachha	10 K Main
6.	Pandesra	5 KRSU

B (II) Trunk Automatic Exchange Equipment

Extra large D-Tax 11k